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July 22, 2003

**Receiver:** Examiner Thomas A. Dixon - Art Unit: 2161**TEL #:** (703) 305-4645**FAX #:** (703) 305-7687**Sender:** Laura M. Dean for Morgan Malino**Our Ref. No.:** VISAP022**Re:** 09/390,937**Pages Including Cover Sheet(s):** 12**MESSAGE:**

Please see attached amendment after final rejection. Thank you.

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**GROUP 3600**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Karpenko

Attorney Docket No.: VISAP022

Application No.: 09/390,937

Examiner: Dixon, Thomas A.

Filed: September 7, 1999

Group: 2161

Title: SELF-PAYING SMART UTILITY METER  
AND PAYMENT SERVICE

Confirmation No.: 7838

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Laura M. Dean

**TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

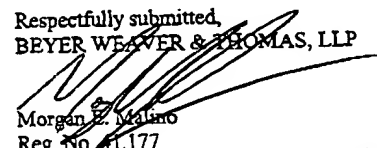
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	15	MINUS	28	0	x 9 = 0	x 18 = 0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS	6	0	x 42 = 0	x 84 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
Total					\$0	\$0

- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. VISAP022).

Respectfully submitted,  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2003, please consider the following  
amendment:

**Listing of Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.